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*Kitty Oliver*  
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**Re: Letter of Recommendation**

I would like to offer my support for funding the TV series “Cowford Chronicles: The Music” produced by Michael Ray FitzGerald.

As an author, oral historian, and media producer, and a native of Jacksonville, I am aware of the importance of continuing to uncover and preserve our history, make space for unheard voices, and present stories of the past in innovative ways for younger people today.

“Cowford Chronicles: The Music” has the specificity of highlighting famous musicians from Jacksonville, Florida within the historical and racial context of this southern city. It also tells a larger story of the evolution of popular music and the indomitable spirit of creativity that should give it wide audience appeal.

I met Dr. FitzGerald a few years ago when he filmed an oral history interview with me where I learned about his Documentary Film Institute of Jacksonville and agreed to join a panel of advisors on projects. I am impressed by his undaunting commitment to this project and to sharing his research and considerable knowledge and creative vision.

Funding for this series would also open the door to collaborations with other educational and community projects to increase its impact.

Sincerely,

*Kitty Oliver, Ph.D.*